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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Before consideration of the above-referenced Continued Prosecution Application, and in response to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2001, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks. An extension of time and fee are being filed concurrently herewith further extending the date for response to July 19, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 47, 51, 58, 59, 60, and 61 as follows:

47. (AMENDED) A method for introducing a heterologous gene into a target cell in a subject, which comprises the following steps:

conversion of a subject's cell into a producer cen, comprising introducing into all subject's cell: